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AVONDALE POINT BUSINESS DISTRICT HOSTS "2009 MURAL COMPETITION"

Avondale Point, a unique shopping destination West of the Ashley, is surrounded by vintage neighborhoods who love the eclectic charm of the shopping district. The Avondale Point Business District, a consortium of those businesses, and the City of Charleston are dedicated to enhancing the area's sense of community. In an event running through September, the group is sponsoring a competition which will allow local artists to create a landmark piece of art for the historic area.

The Avondale Point Business District in association with the City of Charleston's Business Services Division and Lowcountry Earth Force will host the 2009 "Avondale Point Mural" Competition taking place now until the winner is announced on September 2, 2009. Local artists in the community are invited to create a mural to be painted on the "thumb" of the Children's Cancer Society Thrift Store at 835 Savannah Highway. The theme of the mural is "Avondale Point: Recycled. Reinvented. Renewed" and should reflect the offbeat, eclectic and modern vibe of the area and represent both the past and present of Avondale Point.

Entry forms must be submitted by July 31 and artwork must be submitted by August 18 to the Business Services Division of the City of Charleston located at 75 Calhoun Street on the third floor. Entries may be in the form of paintings, digital pictures, graphic designs, graffiti, etc. and must be square in nature. Entries should be no smaller than 8 x 8 inches and no larger than 24 x 24 inches. The mural may not include any specific store names.

Artwork will be displayed in various storefronts in Avondale beginning August 20 and community members can vote for their favorite design. On September 2nd, 2009 Avondale Point Business District will host an art walk, allowing the community a final chance to vote. The winning design will be announced at the end of the night.

For competition guidelines, entry forms and pictures of past and present Avondale, contact Alexis Gross or visit the "Avondale Point Business District" Facebook page.

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